

1 **Minutes of the North Logan City**  
 2 **City Council & Planning Commission Combined Meeting**  
 3 **Held on January 31, 2008**  
 4 **At the North Logan City Library, North Logan, Utah**  
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8 The meeting was called to order by Keith Christensen at 7:08 p.m.

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 10 City Council and Planning Commission members present were: Jeff Loosli, Bruce Henderson,  
 11 Mark Hancey, Keith Christensen, Cary Watkins, Elaine Nelson, Steve Soulier, Al Moser, Lloyd  
 12 Berentzen, Kevin Dustin, Glen Hansen and Bryon Geddes.

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 14 Others present were: Pat Northenor, Jeff Jorgensen and Cordell Batt.

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 16 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bryon Geddes.  
 17 An invocation was given by Bruce Henderson.

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 19 Discussion by the Planning Commission and City Council regarding the development and  
 20 intentions of the Land Use Element and the General Plan.

21 Keith Christensen explained that the intention of this meeting is in the interest of moving ahead  
 22 with the Land Use Element and the General Plan as expeditiously as possible, as this process  
 23 has already taken quite a bit of time; as well as ensuring that the City Council and Planning  
 24 Commission are in agreement as to how to proceed. Keith reviewed the materials that had been  
 25 distributed to the attendees.

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 27 The City Council and Planning Commission discussed the following issues with regard to the  
 28 development of the city's general plan:

- 29 o The purpose of a general plan as it relates to the city's ordinances and the relative
- 30 degree of "enforceability" the two types of documents have with regard to directing new
- 31 development.
- 32 o The length of time it has taken thus far to produce the land-use element as currently
- 33 written and the desire that the plan be completed the rest of the way in a timely manner.
- 34 o Relating to the above, should the city hire a professional firm to produce the general plan
- 35 and if so what would be the pros and cons of doing so.
- 36 o There was discussion regarding whether or not the general plan should be adopted as a
- 37 whole after all the elements are completed or whether each element should be adopted
- 38 and replace the existing corresponding element in the current plan as each element or
- 39 portion thereof is completed.
- 40 o There was also considerable discussion about the degree of specificity that should be
- 41 included in the plan. Other cities' plans were discussed and the degree of specificity to
- 42 which those cities went in developing their plans.

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 44 After considerable discussion the City Council and the Planning Commission agreed on the  
 45 following:

- 46 o It will be assumed that the general plan will continue to serve as an advisory document
- 47 until such time as the law requires it to be obligatory. It was agreed that there are
- 48 currently no plans to consider an ordinance making adherence to the general plan
- 49 required. It was expressed consistently that the City Council and the Planning
- 50 Commission needed to follow the general plan and if needed, amend ordinances and/or
- 51 amend the plan as time goes on to ensure that the vision of the city is maintained.
- 52 o The Planning Commission will continue to work on the general plan revision. An outside
- 53 consulting firm will not be hired to do the plan but the commission will work expeditiously
- 54 to complete the "district plans" that will become part of the land-use element.

- 55       o The City Council agreed that the portions of the land-use element that have been written
- 56       to date were acceptable including the two district plans recently prepared. Both the
- 57       council and commission agreed that the level of specificity found in those new district
- 58       plans would be about right for the remaining district plans. Some members of the
- 59       council had a few minor changes they would like to see made. It was agreed that any
- 60       minor changes desired by the council members should be forwarded to Cordell Batt for
- 61       consideration. The Planning Commission would continue to write the remaining district
- 62       plans. Once those are completed (the goal is to have that done by the end of March)
- 63       the Land-Use Element, including the district plans will be considered for approval by the
- 64       City Council.
- 65       o The other basic elements to be included in the general plan will be the Transportation
- 66       Plan and the Moderate Income Housing Plan. In addition, there will be a Parks and
- 67       Recreation Plan, a Stormwater Plan, and an Annexation Policy Plan. It was agreed that
- 68       the Parks and Recreation Plan should be an updated version of the existing plan. It was
- 69       agreed that the Stormwater Plan would be done by an outside consulting firm and would
- 70       most likely be either an extract of the regional stormwater plan currently underway or
- 71       written based upon that regional plan. It was agreed that the recently re-written
- 72       Annexation Policy Plan for which public hearings are scheduled during the next few
- 73       meetings of both the Planning Commission and the City Council, would be reformatted
- 74       to fit with the new land-use element but it would basically remain as it is.

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77 *Elaine Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kevin Dustin seconded the motion. A vote*  
78 *was called and the motion passed unanimously.*

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80 The meeting adjourned at: 8:30 p.m.

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83 Approved by City Council: February 6, 2008

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85 Approved by Planning Commission: February 7, 2008

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88 Transcribed by Jeff Jorgensen

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Jeff Jorgensen/City Recorder